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January 4, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: *JEF* Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *Cynthia A. Harding*
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A LETTER OF AGREEMENT FROM THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on April 19, 2011 to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed \$100,000 per term, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept a Letter of Agreement from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) for two budget terms: 1) January 15, 2013 through January 14, 2014 in the amount of \$94,705; and 2) January 15, 2014 through July 14, 2014 in an amount up to \$55,295. These funds will support a study about the classification and economic costs of adopting and implementing joint use agreements (JUAs) in Los Angeles County. A JUA is a written contract or formal agreement between an individual school or school district and one or more community or private organizations which allows community access to school facilities and open space after school hours. Such access is an obesity prevention strategy that is becoming more common, aimed at increasing opportunities for physical activity for children and adults, especially in under-resourced neighborhoods.

The study will specifically: 1) categorize the main characteristics of selected JUAs in Los Angeles County; and 2) describe the costs or resources needed to implement and sustain these school-community joint use partnerships. Results from this study will serve as a practical framework for designing future economic analyses and informing further development of sustainable JUA and will guide future efforts by schools and their partners to increase recreational and social interaction opportunities for the communities they serve.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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